

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 21, 2021
Meeting No. 18**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Brittany Sibell, Interim Finance Director.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Alexis Smith – Ward 4 Resident: Resident expressed concerns with a property in her neighborhood that has been a constant nuisance. Resident stated illegal activity often occurs at this residence and her family has been harassed. Resident further stated she would like something put into the Crime Free Housing ordinance that could address this problem property.
5. Council Member Selman stated issues have been going on for 13 years and is frustrated the Council cannot do more to help. Further stated he wanted the resident to come to the meeting so the rest of the Council could hear her concerns. Stated the residence in question is 3800 Vera Cruz.
6. Glick stated the resident in question was charged of 5 felonies the day of the meeting and will be in court the next day.
7. Michael Haase – 4531 Robin Circle: Resident requested follow-up on the No Wake discussion for Lower Twin Lake. Stated the shoreline on the lake is being damaged from wake and wanted to know if Council made a decision.
8. Mayor Blonigan stated the issue was addressed at the previous work session and the city must get permission from the DNR to change lake regulations.
9. Glick stated the majority of the Council agreed to make Lower Twin Lake a No Wake Lake. The city is currently working with the DNR to understand the process and that the city will be sending out letters to residents who submitted public comments about lake regulations.

10. Resident asked if this will be completed by the next boating season. Glick stated that is the expectation but is still waiting to understand the process from the DNR.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

11. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:

- The voucher report for Other Business B was added to the packet.

12. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve the September 21, 2021 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

13. Mayor Blonigan removed item C for further consideration.

14. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the September 21, 2021 Consent Agenda with the exception of item C, which was pulled for further discussion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
- City Council Meeting minutes on 9/14/21
- B. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7913
“DECERTIFYING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT 1134, KNOWN AS TIF 8A AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AND RETURNING ANY EXCESS TAX INCREMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE STATUTES.” (6 Home Sub-Division on Scott Avenue N. north of 42nd Avenue N.)
- C. (Removed)
- D. Motion to hold the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-07 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 4299 46TH AVE N TO BIGOS-BEACH SOUTH LLC.”

CONSENT ITEM C: APPOINTMENT OF MARY MENNENGA TO THE SENIOR COMMISSION.

15. Mayor Blonigan thanked Mennenga for her interest in the Senior Commission and highlighted her qualifications.
16. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to appoint Mary Mennenga as an at-large representative on the Robbinsdale Senior Commission for a term commencing immediately. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS A: PROPOSED 2022 GENERAL FUND AND DEBT SERVICE
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES.**

17. Sibell gave the report including the requirements for submittal to Hennepin County. Sibell stated one additional Assistant to City Manager position has been included per City Council request and would cost an estimated \$90,000. The additional request could be paid through an increase in the levy to 8.4%, use of reserve funds, or a combination of both.
18. Council Member Selman stated he has been on the Council for 16 years and has seen the current City Manager take on a lot of work and would be supportive of the additional levy increase to support the position.
19. The rest of the Council Members express similar sentiments about the current City Manager and agree about increasing the total levy to 8.4%. Council Member Webb stated they are all residents and would also see an increase in their taxes as well.
20. Mayor Blonigan stated he is supportive but did not think this request went far enough and would like to see an Assistant City Manager position in the future.
21. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7914 "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED 2022 GENERAL FUND AND DEBT SERVICE NEXT PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR CERTIFICATION TO HENNEPIN COUNTY."** The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS B: PROPOSED 2022 HRA PROPERTY TAX LEVY.

22. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7915 "ADOPTING THE PROPOSED 2022 HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA) PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR CERTIFICATION TO HENNEPIN COUNTY."** The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS C: SCHEDULING THE DATE FOR THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION
BUDGET MEETING.**

23. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7916 "SCHEDULING THE DATE OF THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION BUDGET MEETING FOR THE 2022 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR DECEMBER 7, 2021."** The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS A: 1ST READING REZONING PARKING LOT BY BEACH SOUTH.

24. Glick gave the report and background into the sale of the parking lot. Glick stated the parking lot was previously being leased to the property owner. A public hearing for the rezoning would take place at the next Planning Commission Meeting on October 7th. Glick also stated the city has traditionally used legal descriptions for properties but is in the process of switching to an official zoning map.
25. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Kline to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 21-09 “AN ORDINANCE REZONING 4299 46TH AVE N FROM RB TO R3.” The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS B: ORDINANCE ADOPTING UPDATES TO APPENDIX B ROBBINSDALE GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE.

26. Leslie gave the report outlining proposed changes to the fee schedule.
27. Council Member Selman stated keeping “resident” when taking off “non-resident” could be confusing and requested it be changed to applicant.
28. Council Member Kline highlighted the removal of “non-resident” rates from the Park, Community Gyms, and Fitness Center Facility fees. Further stated this will help with the city becoming a more welcoming place.
29. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Kline to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 21-10 “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UPDATES TO APPENDIX B OF THE ROBBINSDALE ORDINANCE CODE AND GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE.” The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS C: 1ST READING – UPDATE TO CITY CODE RELATED TO PENALTIES FOR DENIAL OF ACCESS TO WATER METER/RELATED EQUIPMENT UPON DATA TRANSFER FAILURE.

30. Glick gave the report and background for fees regarding denial of access to water meters.
31. Council Member Webb asked Glick to clarify the fee. Glick stated the fee is for denial of entry into the home if the meter is not functioning. The city must investigate the error and if entry is refused, the city must make a best guess into the amount of water being used. Stated the fee is an administrative fee in addition to an estimated usage.
32. Council Member Kline asked how many properties have denied access. Sibell stated 8 properties and that they are being billed for 12 units over.

33. Council Member Selman asked if the current water meter readings are on point of sale reports. Glick noted the suggestion for that update.

34. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 21-11 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROBBINSDALE CITY CODE SECTION 705.15 REGARDING ESTIMATED WATER BILLS FOR NON-FUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT AND PENALTY FOR DENIAL OF ACCESS."
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS A: SCHEDULE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY TOURS.

35. Glick gave the Council the availability of the Fire Department for a tour of the fire station. The Council decided on touring the Fire Department November 1st at 6pm.

36. Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to schedule the City Council tour of the Robbinsdale Police Department on September 28, 2021 at 6pm and the Robbinsdale Fire Station on November 1st at 6pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS B: DISBURSEMENT REQUEST APPROVAL

37. Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve disbursement requests for period ending 9/21/2021. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

38. Glick reviewed email sent earlier to Council about paperless utility billing customers receiving another zero balance invoice. Glick stated follow up email was sent out explaining the error and providing instructions for finding the correct balance.

39. Mayor Blonigan asked if auto-pay would still go through correctly. Sibell confirmed that the correct amounts were still being deducted from customer accounts through auto-pay.

40. Glick gave the Council Members City Manager performance review packets with a review completion date in November. The Mayor requested Council Members have them done and returned to him by October 12th.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

41. Council Member Webb expressed her thoughts and prayers to victims of violence in North Minneapolis and other communities experiencing violence.

42. Council Member Selman expressed frustration with the City's Metropolitan Council Representative Robert Lilligren's difficulty in finding Robbinsdale for the Work Session

and stated the Council should look into sending the Governor a no-confidence letter regarding representation. Council Member Selman further stated the Council was informed in a roundabout way that the Blue Line would be built in the city even without municipal consent. Council Member Selman also stated he wants the Council to pass a Resolution stating they do not support the Blue Line being built on County Road 81.

43. Council Member Kline stated he went to the spaghetti dinner hosted by the Lion's Club and thanked them for putting on a great event.

44. Mayor Blonigan agreed with Council Member Selman's frustrations about the Blue Line project and stated Robbinsdale seemed to have a lack of attention compared to Minneapolis.

45. Mayor Blonigan went to the spaghetti dinner hosted by the Lion's Club and thanked them for all the work they do for the community.

46. Council Member Backen stated he is in agreement with Council Member Selman to send a letter to the Governor regarding the lack of support from the Metropolitan Council.

Adjournment:

47. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk

William A. Blonigan, Mayor